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Nevada Talking Book Services

Nevada Talking Book Services Turns 50

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation

Talking Books

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Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
Closed State
Holidays

This year, we celebrate 50 years of service to eligible Nevadans. In recognition, we will share three stories from two past and one current employee. The first one, below, is from the librarian who started the Nevada program in 1968.

“Talking Books in Nevada: The First Years”

A Personal Memoir by Oscar W. Ford

Before 1968, users of the Library of Congress "Talking Books" program were served by the California State Library in Sacramento. In March of that year, I began work at the Nevada State Library. The mission was to develop a program to move that service to Nevada. I was hired by the State Librarian Miss Mildred Heyer, who had overseen the procurement of federal "Library Services and Construction Act" funding to partially support a new Special Services Division to carry out this mission.

The State Library at that time was located in what was then the Supreme Court building (and as of this writing houses the Attorney General's offices). The building is directly west of the Capitol building on Carson Street, and as I remember, the library was mostly in the basement of the building. To accommodate the new Special Services Division, a small one-story building on the NW corner of Fall and Musser was leased. It is no longer there and the site is a parking lot.

In 1969, a new building at 2351 Arrowhead Drive north of the airport was the new home of the division, which shared it with the new Nevada Center for Cooperative Library Services (cont. on next page)

Cont from page 1: ("NCCLS" for short). The building is still there (in 2016) and is now in the midst of a large industrial park. At that time, it was the only building at the end of a gravel road surrounded by sage brush.

Some time in the 70's the State Library was removed from its quarters in the Supreme Court building. The only problem: it had no place to go. Its new quarters in the refurbished old court house/post office building at 401 N. Carson Street were not ready. A swarm of young workers showed up one morning and stuffed the entire collection into cardboard boxes and piled it haphazardly in a warehouse east of downtown. The talking book collection survived this excitement because it was still housed out on Arrowhead Drive. The Division was finally able to move its talking book collection back "home" to be with the State Library in downtown Carson when the remodel work on the 1890's era structure was complete. The collection was on the east side of the building, third floor. It is a testament to the fine work of the builders that the floor could take the tons of records and shelving that the now considerable collection weighed.

I served as the talking book librarian until the mid-eighties until Ms. Leslie Hester took over with Cheryl Bell as her assistant. The division had other programs beside the talking book activities (for example promoting and aiding library services in five state institutions and handling the paperwork required to obtain federal funding). I retired from state service in 1990 before the new State Library building was completed on Stewart Street.

Nevada Reads 2018

The Nevada Reads 2018 titles, selected by the Nevada Humanities, are a fiction book, by Julie Buntin titled *Marlena*, and a non-fiction book by Sam Quinones titled *Dreamland*. Both books concern the opioid crisis.

Dreamland will be discussed by the Talking Books book club in May. Additionally, the Nevada State Library will host author Julie Buntin on May 15 at the State Library at noon on the upper level of the library. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to join this event by phone, call 775-687-0999 and enter the access code, 43313, when prompted. More details on this event will be posted on our web site as they become available.

A variety of programs related to these books will take place throughout the year at Nevada public libraries. Please contact your local library for more information regarding their programing.

This program is made possible by support from NSLAPR, Institute of Museum and Library Science and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

New Nevada Titles

Women Who Charmed the West

DBC08375

By: Anne Seagraves

Narrated by: Polly Price

These revealing stories tell of the lives and often shocking love affairs of yesterday's leading ladies. Extolled for their beauty and avoiding disgrace by virtue of their charm, these famous actresses livened up an otherwise drab existence as they entertained the early West. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 1991



A collection of works by twelve members of the Elko County Writer's Association offers poems, tales and short stories of love, friendship, tragedy, warriors, childhood, paranormal romance and more. 2013

Nevada State Orphans/Children's Home: My Life as a "Home" Kid

DBC08385

By: Bonnie Boice Nishikawa

Narrated by: Frieda Ford

A memoir of life growing up in the Nevada State Orphans/Children's Home as a "Home Kid". This autobiography talks about the counselors, clubs, activities and schooling that took place in the Home along with daily life and holiday celebrations. 2016

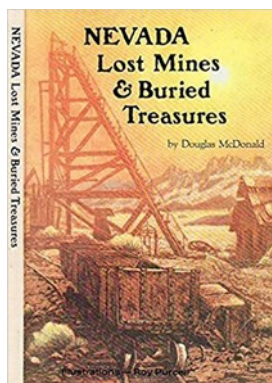
Nevada Lost Mines & Buried Treasures

DBC04780

By: Douglas McDonald

Narrated by: Polly Price

A handy guide book to some of the state's most interesting lost treasures. From the southern tip of Nevada to the borders with Oregon and Idaho, this book explores some of the richest myths of the Silver State. 1981



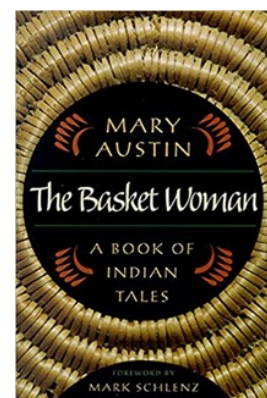
The Basket Woman: A Book of Indian tales

DBC04781

By: Mary Austin

Narrated by: Polly Price

Basket Woman is a collection of fourteen short stories based upon Native American oral traditions passed down through the generations. The stories examine the implications of conquest upon the land and its native people and are suitable for children and adults. 1999

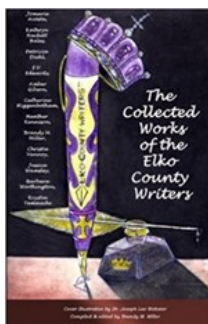


The Collected Works of the Elko County Writers: An Anthology

DBC08392

By: Patricia Diehl, Catherine Higgenbotham, Brandy M. Miller

Narrated by: Bill Andrews



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Scholarships for Nevadan Students from NFBNV

The National Federation of the Blind of Nevada (NFBNV) would like to recognize blind college students for their achievements by awarding three merit-based scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. Scholarships will be based on academic excellence, community service and leadership.

Eligibility criteria and further details are available at their web site:

<http://www.nfbnevada.org/scholarships.html>

The application is available on the web site; from NFB of Nevada president, Terri Rupp, at terri.rupp@gmail.com; or by request from either the Southern or Northern Chapters.

The deadline for submission is August 31, 2018. Submit all documents listed on the application via e-mail to Frida Aizenman, secretary, at nfbfrida@gmail.com

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